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**BEGA, Tuesday**  
This morning at 4.30 the roofs of dwelling-houses and dairy buildings belonging to Messrs. Smith, Higgins, and Lowry, of Numbugga, about 10 miles from Bega, were blown off by the gale. Only the walls were left standing.

**BINGARA, Tuesday**  
Heavy winds are blowing. The mountains are covered with smoke from the bush fires. There is no appearance of rain.

**CAMDEN, Tuesday**  
A cold wind accompanied by a dust storm.

Nice rain has been falling throughout the country, accompanied by a high wind. It will do much good. Grass is growing well, and the prospects for the season are good.

CROOKWELL, Tuesday  
Strong dry winds have been blowing here the last week, drying up the country. Bush fires are raging around the district. More rain badly needed.

CANDELO, Tuesday  
A slight rain fell last night. The weather is much cooler to-day, the thermometer having

dropped from 84 degrees to 72 degrees. It was cloudy and promising more rain, which is wanted.

**GOULBURN, Tuesday**  
Showers fell for several hours to-day.

**GRAFTON, Tuesday**  
There was a dry westerly gale to-day, enveloping the city in clouds of dust and smoke.

**IVERRELL, Tuesday**  
Terrible duststorms were raging to-day. It was impossible sometimes to see across the street. The surrounding hills were also almost completely

The surrounding hills were a mass of blackened timber consumed by the smoke of the bush fires.

**KEMPNEY, Tuesday**  
A terrific westerly wind has been blowing all day, and the dust was something terrible.

**KIAMA, Tuesday**  
A westerly gale prevailed here to-day, causing considerable damage to gardens and orchards. The wind exceeded anything experienced in this season.

**LITHGOW, Tuesday**  
The weather this morning was very windy with clouds of dust everywhere. Rain fell for about an hour, laying the dust to rest.

significantly increasing the domestic supplies.

MOLONG, Tuesday. A very sudden change took place in the weather today. Yesterday was quite warm. This morning broke very dull, with a strong south-west wind blowing. It was piercingly cold, and for some time the town was enveloped with dust. Towards a few light showers of rain fell. These had the most welcome effect of laying the dust. The wind has subsided considerably, but the weather is very threatening. A copious fall of rain is wanted badly. The winds for the past week have

ried the ground, and the crops, which are very backward, are looking bad. Feed is getting scarce, and the water supply on some runs will prove out if rain does not come shortly. In some parts of the district stock are in a very fair condition, while in others they are simply existing.

MOREE, Tuesday  
There were hot winds and a great dust storm today.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Tuesday  
A warm westerly gale has been blowing since early morn. Light rain commenced to fall at

One hundred and three points of rain has fallen during the past month, making 20in. 12 points less than the year. The temperature for the month averaged from 32° to 62°.

**MUDGE, Tuesday**  
A great change took place in the weather today. Heavy banks of clouds obscured the sun and a thick dust storm and high winds swept the district. Only a few drops of rain fell. It is many degrees cooler than yesterday. The appearances of rain have passed over.

**MURFREESBORO, Tuesday**

A high wind, approaching the strength of a gale, has been blowing all day, accompanied by intermittent showers.

**NARRABRI, Tuesday.**  
The weather shows no signs of a change. There is every indication of a long hot and dry summer. Reports from the country districts are very gloomy.

**NOWRA, Tuesday.**  
High westerly winds blew last night and today.

**PARKES, Tuesday.**

A strong northerly gale blew throughout the night, shifting to the west this morning. Rain fell, but it has blown off, and turned cold. Men are badly needed for all purposes. Grass and herbage are very short. The ground is quite hard from the want of moisture.

**QUEANBEYAN, Tuesday**  
After several warm days the weather has turned bitterly cold, with high winds and light showers.

**SINGLETON, Tuesday**  
The most violent dust storm experienced this year has been blowing all to-day.

**SPRINGWOOD, Tuesday**  
A north-west gale rose during last night with unusually high temperature. The gale was very fierce all this morning, but a change to rain appears impending, and the squalls of wind and sleet. The drought is very serious here. On Jan. 72 points of rain have fallen for the past months.

**ST. MARYS, Tuesday**  
A frightful westerly wind has been blowing since. The whole district is in a deplorable state owing to the want of rain, and numbers of cat-

dying. The outlook is most serious  
 farmers.  
 TENTERFIELD, Tuesday  
 Bush fires are still prevailing, and a strong  
 easterly has been blowing all day.

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THE MORES BORE.

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[BY TELEGRAPH.]  
 (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

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At the bore there is an overflow of 3,000,000 gallons, the temperature being 114. Mr. Boulton, superintendent of watering places; Mr. Campbell, director of agriculture; and Mr. Pittman, government geologist, arrived on Saturday and inspected the surrounding Crown lands with a view of irrigation works being undertaken. They expressed satisfaction with the great possibilities of utilising the bore water for generating electricity, for the town supply, for domestic use and for fire prevention. They tried the water pressure per inch on the nozzle, and found it to

to the square inch. The depth of the bore is 2700ft., and it is still drilling in sand rock, and will if possible get through it.

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**PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.**

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(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

**CARCOAR, Tuesday.**  
The following stock have passed through the district during the last few days, viz. 7-5 trucks of sheep, Wangroola to Flemington. Mr. Rose

**GLEN INNES, Tuesday.**  
The following stock movements are reported:  
12 fat bullocks, Wallangarra to Armidale, G. V.  
Sight owner: 200 fat cattle, Callandoo  
ueensland, to Laura, near Bundarra, G. Bak  
ueensland: 120 fat bullocks, by train Hendon Ha  
woomba to Sydney, H. Brooks owner: 20  
ewes and wethers, Prairie Park to Dunes Va  
White owner: 2000 wethers, Reddy Creek  
oney Baiter, A. C. Hayes owner: 231 mix  
sheep, Kent Park, near Glen Innes, to Lismor  
G. Hendon.

U. C. ALABAMA POWER CO.

persons who are under arrest in connection with



the murder of the young woman Miss Nicholas was brought before Mr. Justice, S.M. Thomas Meredith, S.D., described as a chemist, charged with having murdered Miss Nicholas, a young woman, on the 31st August. Edward Thomas, alias Edwards, 27, a commission agent, was charged with being concerned with the murder of Miss Nicholas. Nicholas, Sarah Chapman, 25, a single woman, was charged with being an accessory after the fact, and John Bevel, a seaman, was also charged with being an accessory after the fact.

Mr. Shilpney appeared in behalf of Nicholas, and Mr. Barry (Carr and Barry) appeared for Thomas. On the application of Detective Goulder all the accused were remanded for trial. Bail was allowed to Thomas and Chapman, and to Nicholas in £300 each and each in two sureties of £130.

**THE HORSE AND BUGGY TRAGEDY.**  
On the previous evening the detective had been unable to trace the horse and buggy which had been seen outside the premises occupied by Sheridan in Elizabeth-street, and again half an hour later in Duke-street, Wednesday. This was the only link required to complete the chain of evidence. The police had retained witnesses who saw the case lifted into the buggy at about a quarter to nine, and who saw the horse and buggy in the water in Duke-street at about 9 o'clock on the same evening.

Information was obtained by the detective during the morning to the effect that the buggy was engaged at about 7.30 on Sunday evening at Coffin's livery stable in Castlereagh-street, near Moore-street, and the employee who let the vehicle readily consented to accompany the detective to the police station with a view to identifying it if possible the person to whom the buggy was lent. Upon arrival at the station a number of men, including the detective, and a constable, accompanied the witness to the livery stable. Almost instantly the groom called into the stable and the person who hired the vehicle, this case at rest any doubt that may have existed as to whether Sheridan was in possession of a buggy on the night in question.

#### THE PURCHASE OF THE CRUDE COFFIN

As stated in yesterday's issue it was known soon after the discovery of the box and its ghastly contents that the case had been purchased by the wholesale dealer, Mr. W. J. G. Ewing, of the City. Mr. W. J. G. Ewing, of the City, was the person who purchased the case, and it was known that the case was purchased by the wholesale dealer, Mr. W. J. G. Ewing, of the City.

During the morning the employee in question, Mr. Herbert, was taken to the police station, and another line of men having been drawn up among them, of course, being the accused men, Mr. Herbert with difficulty at once stated that he had seen a man who obtained the case, which he appeared to handle in a most awkward manner. The identification of this man is regarded by the police as the most important factor in connection with proving the case.

**MRS. NICHOLLS'S CONDITION.**  
Mrs. Nicholls is gradually recovering from the prostration into which she was thrown at the night of her daughter's death by the morgue. Yesterday afternoon she was able to sit up and converse with her friends. Her husband arrived in the afternoon. The City Coroner yesterday issued an order that the corpse of their daughter was to be handed to the family for burial.

#### COUNTRY NEWS.

**VALENTINO.**  
A representative gathering assembled in the municipal hall on the 31st inst. to elect a representative to the City Council. The Rev. R. K. Ewing, on the eve of his departure to Lismore after an incumbency of 17 years in the district. The Mayor was chairman. Mr. J. R. Gibbons, of the City, was the only candidate to offer to the Rev. R. K. Ewing the warmest thanks of the community for his past services and for his work of kindly assistance at all times most willingly rendered.

**INVERELL.**  
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Society was held to-day. Mr. Walter Hope, of Sydney, officiating as judge. There was a good display all round.

**KEMPSLEY, Tuesday.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Maddock, of Sydney, who left the metropolis on Wednesday last on bicycles, arrived at Kempsey on Monday night on their trip for Brisbane. They report a pleasant trip with the exception of the dust and bad roads.

Yesterday afternoon a child of Mr. M. G. Lavin, of Dora Creek, was drowned in the Maitland River. The child was a young boy, and had fallen into the river while playing with some friends.

**KIAMA, Tuesday.**  
The Protestant Hall, Kiama, was filled to overflowing last night by a public debate on the subject of "The Future of the Colony." The speakers were Mr. C. W. Craig, J.P. (Mayor of Jamberoo), and Mr. F. W. Fredericks. They occupied nearly an hour and a half, each contending strongly for his own particular fiscal creed, but the verdict of the audience was in favour of Fredericks.

**LISMORE, Tuesday.**  
A man was charged at the police court to-day with presenting a loaded revolver at the head of another man last night, and threatening to put a charge through him. The case was remanded to-day.

**MILTON, Tuesday.**  
The Central Buttery Factory movement is being actively pushed. It is estimated that 300 shares in the company have been applied for. It is considered that the project is now certain to be proceeded with in earnest.

**MILTON, Tuesday.**  
Very severe weather was experienced last night, and much fire was kindled all round Milton. Houses were abroad that several streets were burned out, but this fortunately was not true. A number, however, had very narrow escape of being burned out, and the fire was kept clear from the premises.

**MILTON, Tuesday.**  
Mr. Allan Brock's pigsties were demolished by a fire which broke out in the early morning. The fire was caused by a candle which had been left burning, and the pigsties were completely destroyed.

**MILTON, Tuesday.**  
An old resident named Spinks sustained considerable damage through the fire sweeping over his property. Spinks's property, near East Milton, was completely destroyed, and the loss was estimated at £1000.

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and his wife, aged 80, lived together. He retired at 6 p.m. and his wife went to the bedroom at 6.30 and lighted a candle. The wind blew the curtains towards the flame, and they caught fire and shot up to the ceiling. The house was completely enveloped in flames. Mr. Hart tried to extinguish them, and his clothes caught fire. He was horribly burnt, and was removed to a neighbour's house, and died on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

An inquest was held yesterday, and a verdict returned that the man died from burns received accidentally on Saturday night. Robert Hart was also badly burnt about the head and hands, but he is not in a dangerous condition. A very strong wind blew last night, and bush fires are raging all round the district.

**BULLI, Tuesday.**  
The Public school and Mr. F. Knight's residence, Sherbrook, have had a narrow escape from being burnt, owing to the ignition of blackberry bushes.

**GRAFTON, Tuesday.**  
Bush fires are doing immense damage to grass and timber. Selectors in several instances have been burnt out.

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**WARRIOR, Tuesday.**  
Bush fires in various parts of the district are doing considerable damage to pastures and fencing. An extensive fire occurred at Warrigal last night, and much of the district was burnt out.

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